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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventors:	Van Breemen <i>et al.</i>)	
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Serial No.	09/471,523)	
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Filing Date:	December 23, 1999)	
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Title:	SCREENING OF XENOBIOTICS AND)	
	ENDOGENOUS COMPOUNDS FOR)	
	METABOLIC TRANSFORMATION,)	
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	METABOLITES, AND)	
	BIOAVAILABILITY)	

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
MAILED AUGUST 29, 2001

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office Action mailed August 29, 2001, and a telephone conference with Examiner Prasthofer. Please enter the following amendments and consider the accompanying remarks.

REMARKS

In a telephone conference Wednesday September 12, 2001, between Dr. Thomas Prasthofer, the new examiner in the case, and applicant's representative Alice O. Martin, the examiner realized that applicant had already responded to a restriction requirement in a Response to Office Action mailed November 30, 2000. Therefore, the examiner agreed that no response is due to the August 29, 2001 restriction requirement. The examiner also noted that a response to the first Office Action on the merits was mailed June 5, 2001.

The examiner, after consultation with his Primary Examiner, decided that no additional response to the August 29, 2001 restriction is required.